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Volunteers Holly Abram and Jazmin Walker with one of the horses that they care for at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary

Animal sanctuary's drop-in sessions for volunteers

STAFF at a West Lancashire charity are urging potential volunteers to attend a sign-up day to see if they would like to 'make a difference' to animals' lives.

The Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood takes in a variety of small domestic and farm animals, including ponies, sheep, goats, ducks, chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, cats, hedgehogs and donkeys. It opened in 2005 and it is funded entirely by donations.

The 'drop-in' volunteer sessions are being held from 1 to 3pm on Saturday, January 7.

Vickie McDerby from Woodlands said: "We are looking for people to help with fundraising as well as the animals. You can give as little or as much time as suits you, every hour makes an impact on the work Woodlands does.

"We have a fabulous community at Woodlands and are looking to expand it to enable us to help more animals, everybody makes a difference.

"Drop in for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about what we do and the difference you can make."

For more information, call Woodlands on 01704 823293.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

New Year accolade for soldier who battled back from life-changing injuries to raise thousands for worthy causes

A SOLDIER who was injured in Afghanistan and has since raised thousands of pounds for charity by taking on the world's toughest endurance challenges has been awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Colour sergeant Mark Holloway, 32, who lives in Burscough with his wife Gemma and three-year-old son Harrison, has completed four of the World's Toughest Mudder events, which challenge competitors to attempt as many laps as they possibly can of a 12-mile military-style obstacle course involving running through electric wires, crawling through mud and jumping into icy water!

Mark was injured by an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving with the 2nd Battalion The Rifles in December, 2011 and feared at one point that he may have to have his arm amputated.

But in 2012, he took part in the North West's first Tough Mudder event in Cheshire with his brother and the following year he took on his first World's Toughest Mudder, raising £3,500 which he split between Care For Casualties (CFC) the Rifles' regimental charity which helped him back to fitness, Help4Heroes (H4H), the British military charity for personnel wounded in conflict and their families.

He was approached by chiefs at Tough Mudder and H4H, who made him a joint brand ambassador – and since then, he has gone on to raise a staggering £15,000 for the charity, which also provides grants for smaller military charities across the UK.

He came 113th overall in the 2013 World's Toughest Mudder challenge and has improved on his performance every year since, coming 31st in 2014, 21st in 2015 and 12th last year.

Charity ambassador Mark Holloway who has been awarded an MBE

Mark was awarded his MBE in the military division of the New Year's Honours List 2017 which was revealed on Friday, December 30.

He said: "Humility is something I live by and try to embody, but I think this is worthy of sharing - I got recognition for my commitment to 'giving something back' in the form of an MBE.

"It's been one hell of a journey, recovering from life-changing injuries, battling with the invisible scars, balancing my life and work with the training and competing in World's Toughest but I'm proud to say this drive to give something back has never faltered over the last five years.

"There have been lots of ups and downs and an abundance of personal sacrifice - but recognition in this form is truly overwhelming. Being patient, positive and persistent has got me here."

"I was given the MBE for the impact I've had on fundraising and for being an inspiration for cadets who I motivated at Sandhurst through my extreme dedication preparing for each of the world events.

"I often get up at 4am to train for hours so I can get home before my energetic three-year-old is up – then run around with him all day, so it can be quite exhausting."

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Dry January is a popular initiative aimed at reducing alcohol intake

Health bosses urge residents to bin the booze

Report by **Henry James**

PEOPLE across West Lancashire are being urged to think about the alcohol that they drink, as part of Dry January.

Lancashire County Council is supporting the national Dry January campaign, run by Alcohol Concern, and encouraging people to join in.

Reducing the amount of alcohol people drink has health benefits by helping them to lose weight and sleep better. It also helps individuals to save money.

Dry January is about not drinking alcohol, swapping alcoholic drinks for something softer, and thinking about changing drinking habits.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "It's the time of year when people are thinking about making a positive start to 2017.

"It's important that people think about what they're drinking and the effect that it can have on their health. Around one in five of Lancashire's population are considered to be at an increased risk of damaging their health because of their alcohol consumption.

"Many people will drink a lot more over Christmas and New Year. Joining in Dry January is a positive way to start 2017."

For more information about Dry January, visit www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/dry-january.

No one can say drinking any amount of alcohol is safe. However, current guidelines suggest that men and women are advised not to regularly drink more than 14 units of alcohol a week.

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NHS trust coins it in as patients and visitors pay the price for hospital stays in Southport and Ormskirk

Report by **Henry James**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital Trust made a whopping £1,549,359 from parking fees in 2015/16.

The statistics are part of a new report from the Press Association, which showed that NHS hospitals in England collected more than £120 million last year - up by 5%.

When gathering the findings, the PA asked all 120 trusts for figures, with 89 responding to the Freedom of Information request.

In the 12 months of the 2015-16 financial year, a total of £668,501 was collected at Ormskirk District General Hospital and £880,858 at Southport District General Hospital. The income is down on the money generated at the car parks last year (£1,627,271 - 2014/15).

To park for 20 minutes at the hospital it is free, for 20 minutes to two hours it is £2.90, from two to four hours it is £3.50, from four to eight hours it is £4.30 and for more than eight hours it is £5.30.

A spokesman for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust said: "Parking fees are used to fund the maintenance and management of the car parks with the remainder going directly to patient care.

"Parking passes are available from the trust for £10 a week or £30 for three months for frequent visitors. A £10 refundable deposit is payable. The passes are available from the general office at both hospital sites and from a vending machine or the porters' lodge out of office hours."

Across the country, the PA showed that £120,662,650 had been collected in car park fees over 2015/16, up from £114,873,867 the year before.

Many trusts defended the charges, saying the money was put back into patient care or maintaining car parks.

Katherine Murphy, chief executive of the Patients Association, believes that parking charges should

be capped and any funding gaps should not be met by raising prices for car parks.

She said: "This is not what car parking charges should be used for. The NHS is clearly underfunded, but the onus on meeting the funding crisis should most certainly not be shouldered by the sick, injured and vulnerable."

Hospital car parking fees were abolished in Scotland and Wales in 2008, although a small number of hospitals still charge as they are signed up to private contracts to manage their parking facilities.

In 2014, hospitals in England were told to cut the cost of parking for certain groups under new government guidelines.

Ministers said relatives of people who were seriously ill or had to stay in hospital for a long time should be given free parking or reduced charges.

Hospital parking in Wales and Scotland is largely free.

Foodbank volunteers thank community

VOLUNTEERS at Ormskirk Foodbank have thanked generous West Lancs residents who helped to make Christmas a little more cheerful for those less fortunate in the community.

A spokesperson for the foodbank, which is based at New Church House, said: "Thank you to everyone who donated to our Tesco collection in Burscough, to the schools, churches and other organisations who collected for us, to the people who came through our doors with donations of essentials and festive treats and to those who gave thoughtful gifts for adults and children.

"Thanks also to the staff of Tesco in Burscough for their support, and to the staff of Ormskirk Fire Station who helped with the storage and transport of the Christmas hampers.

"As a result of your generosity, we were able to provide for many individuals and families in crisis over Christmas. We, and they, are very grateful."

The foodbank is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11am to 2pm. For more information visit ormskirk.foodbank.org.uk or call 07748951274.

Staff, volunteers and shoppers mark the special occasion at the Cancer Research shop.

Charity shop's silver milestone

STAFF and volunteers at the Cancer Research shop in Ormskirk have celebrated their 25th anniversary of trading.

The Aughton Street store first opened its doors in October 1991 and since then, volunteers and staff have worked tirelessly to raise more than £2million towards life-saving research.

Sarah Loughran and Matt Unsworth, area managers for the charity, joined shop manager Sue Lee to mark the special milestone with a champagne breakfast in the shop with current and past volunteers, followed by a day of celebrations with customers and supporters.

Sue Lee said: "Cancer Research UK relies on the dedication and enthusiasm of its volunteers and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped at the shop or supported us over the years. It's thanks to them that we are still here 25 years on. And it's thanks to them that we will beat cancer sooner."

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding and depends on trade, clothes donations and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, visit the staff at the shop or call 01695 579432.

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Hillsborough campaigner refuses an OBE

Report by **Henry James**

HILLSBOROUGH campaigner and former Edge Hill University lecturer, Professor Phil Scraton has refused an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

Professor Scraton led the Hillsborough Independent Panel's research team and said he could not take the honour from those "who remained unresponsive to the determined efforts of bereaved families and survivors to secure truth and justice."

The crush at Hillsborough on April 15, 1989 led to the death of 96 people and an inquest jury in April, 2016 found that the fans were unlawfully killed.

'Hillsborough: The Truth', written by Professor Scraton is considered to be a definitive account of what happened.

Significant

Professor Scraton said: "I researched Hillsborough from 1989, publishing reports, articles and the first edition of Hillsborough: The Truth in 1990.

"Until 2009, and despite compelling evidence, successive governments declined to pursue a thorough, independent review of the context, consequences and aftermath of the disaster.

"This changed as a direct result of the families' and survivors' brave, persistent campaign.

"It led to the Hillsborough Independent Panel, its ground-breaking findings, new inquests and their crucially significant verdicts.

Professor Phil Scraton

"I headed the panel's research team and was a consultant to the families' lawyers throughout the new inquests."

He said his refusal of an OBE "might come as a disappointment to some Hillsborough families, survivors and whoever nominated me."

But he added: "Finally, I could not accept an honour tied in name to the 'British Empire'.

"In my scholarship and teaching I remain a strong critic of the historical, cultural and political contexts of imperialism and their international legacy."

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Abandoned dog saved by eagle-eyed revellers

Big-hearted trio come to rescue of injured puppy

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THREE festive revellers who rescued a suffering puppy which had been abandoned on the side of the road have been praised for saving its life.

The white and black American Bulldog-type puppy - believed to be around three to four months old - was spotted from a taxi window by the trio on Appley Road South in Appley Bridge as they made their way home from an evening out at around 10pm on Tuesday, December 27.

They asked the driver to pull over and spotted that the dog, who they named Bella, was bleeding.

However, the taxi wouldn't take them to a vets so the friends knocked on doors until finally they were taken in by one kind resident who wrapped the pup in blankets while they waited for an RSPCA inspector to arrive.

The inspector, Alison Fletcher, then took the pup to the RSPCA Greater Manchester Animal Hospital where she was operated on for a prolapse and is now making a good recovery.

Bella had no collar or ID tag and had not been micro-chipped so the RSPCA have so far been unable to trace where she was from.

Alison Fletcher said: "After they asked the taxi driver to pull over they realised she was bleeding from the rear and as the taxi wouldn't take them to a local vets, two of them stayed with her while the third went home to call us.

"Unfortunately I was about 30 minutes away so they started knocking at nearby houses and were taken in by a caring couple who provided blankets and towels for Bella and kept her warm and comfortable until I got there. They all went above and beyond to help this little dog, and no doubt saved her life.

"The vet confirmed that the prolapse had been there for some time and had been left untreated. Bella was also underweight.

"As she wasn't wearing a collar and ID tag or microchipped, as is required by law, we do not know who her owners are at the moment and are appealing for anyone who recognises her and knows who they are, or who saw anything, to get in touch.

"Bella is a very loving pup and if out roaming would have approached people easily, which leads me to believe that she had not been out alone for long. I suspect she was abandoned on the roadside on Tuesday night due to the condition she was suffering."

Anyone who has information can call the RSPCA's appeal line on 0300 123 8018 and ask to leave a message for Inspector Fletcher.

Bella is now making a good recovery

School governor awarded MBE

TARLETON Academy's chair of governors, Helen Dicker *(right)*, has been awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List, for services to education.

Helen has held the post for four-and-a-half years, having also been chair of governors at Tarleton Community Primary for 16 years.

She was also a student at both schools before studying engineering at Durham University.

And her contribution to the local community is not restricted to education. She has also been a committee member and secretary at Tarleton Corinthians, an FA Charter Standard Football Club, with 20 teams for all ages, and was Central Lancashire Junior League Club secretary of the season 2007/8.

As chair at the academy, Helen has overseen dramatic and sustained improvement, culminating in an outstanding rating for leadership and management in the latest Ofsted inspection.

Headteacher, Mrs Gwinnett, said "Everyone who has worked with Helen is absolutely delighted; we are so proud that Helen has been recognised in this way. As our chair of governors she is utterly focused on the best possible achievements for all our students. The whole of our staff and our governing body hold her in high esteem. She is a fabulous ambassador for the school."

Commenting on her award, Helen said: "I am delighted to receive this award and, whilst it is in my name, I believe it recognises the outstanding efforts of all those who have contributed to maximising the opportunities for our local children."

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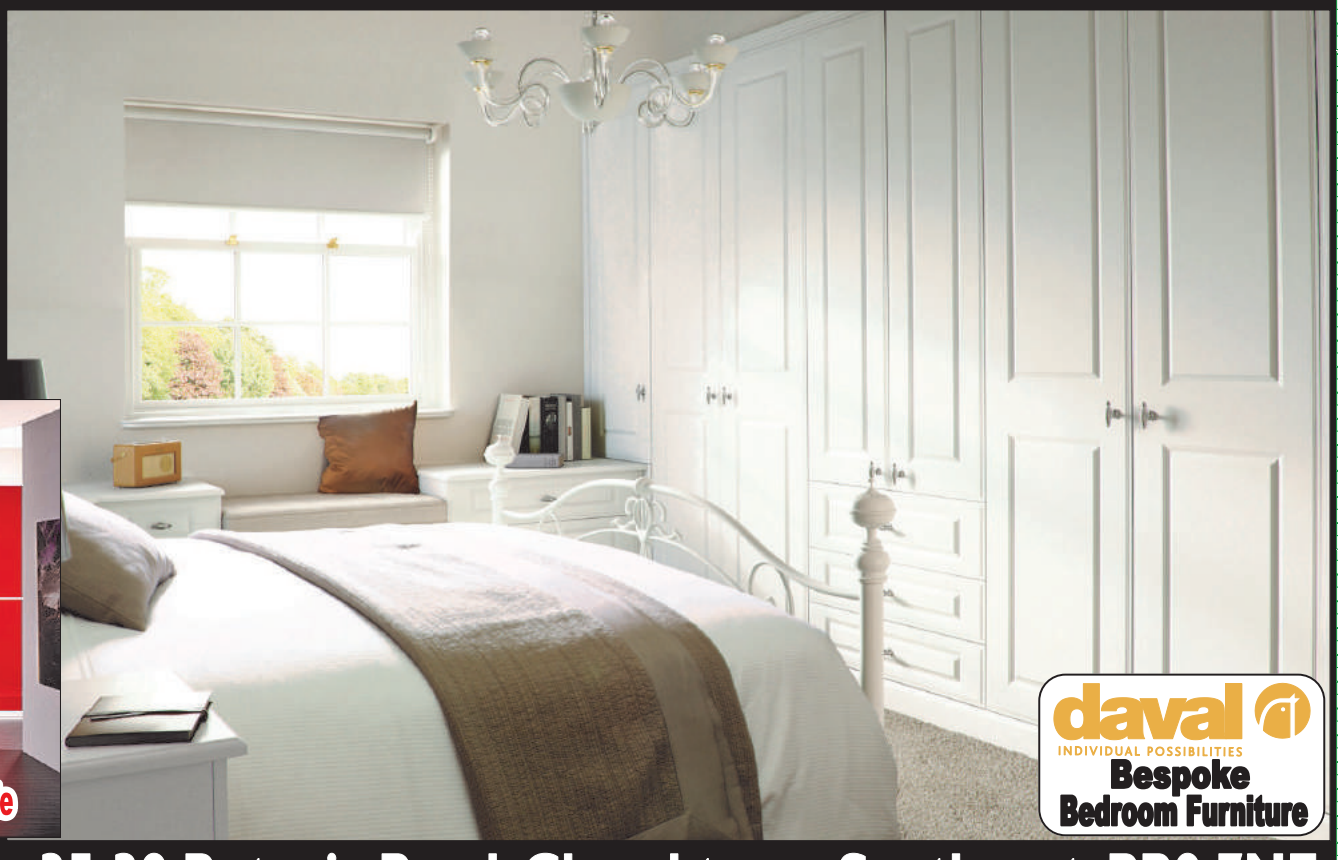

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Nostalgia lovers flock to village photo exhibit

Visitors enjoying the exhibition and (inset) David Lavery cuts the ribbon declaring the event open

MORE than 600 nostalgia lovers recently turned up to enjoy an exhibition of photos from in and around Burscough

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The aptly titled Images of Burscough Exhibition, which was organised by local history buffs, Michael Dawson, Lawrence Critchley and Debra Baldwin, was held in the main hall of the Stanley Club in Liverpool Road North.

It was officially opened by David and Erica Lavery, the grandchildren of Isaac Herbert Lavery, the founder of a local cake factory that once employed up to 2,000 people at its site in Red Cat Lane.

The exhibition featured around 500 images of the West Lancashire area including Ormskirk, Scarisbrick, Lathom, Rufford and Newburgh, along with displays of many items of local memorabilia, including some from the former HMS Ringtail.

There were also various displays by Richard Houghton from the Lathom & Burscough Military Heritage Society, the Ormskirk and District Family History Society and the Burscough Heritage Group. Raffle tickets were on sale along with a variety of locally-themed items including calendars, Christmas cards, fridge magnets and mounted prints.

The popular page, Images of Burscough and the Surrounding Areas, has almost 3,000 followers on social media site Facebook.

Michael Dawson said: "The exhibition was a great success on Saturday with more than 600 visitors. I was actually quite shocked as not only local people attended but many others from all over the country!

"One couple turned up and told me that through the Images of Burscough Facebook group they had recently traced one another and are now engaged!

"So I was thanked several times and invited to the wedding.

"Many people brought in lots of old local photos, but one lady, Ina France who is 94 brought in my favourite image of the day showing the old Smithy in Victoria Street.

"Ina also had many stories to tell and it was a pleasure listening to her.

"I'd like to thank everyone who attended on the day and everyone who helped make the day possible, it was a big group effort."

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These were given out to local families in need over the Christmas period.

David Orritt from St John the Baptist Church presents the food and gifts to foodbank volunteer Ken Ashcroft.

Police alert after homes targeted

WEST Lancs residents are being urged to be extra-vigilant after a number of homes were burgled during the festive season.

A number of properties in the borough have been targeted throughout December with a spike coming in the last week.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said: "We are investigating a number of homes being burgled since the beginning of December with a spike of seven high-value properties being targeted in Appley Bridge, Rufford, Aughton, Newburgh, Ormskirk, Lathom and Scarisbrick on December 30.

"Most of the properties were unoccupied due to the home owners being on holiday over the festive period or simply out for the day.

"However, one back door was opened whilst the occupier was at the front of their home and the offenders fled when they realised they had been heard.

"These burglaries are taking place from early afternoon to the early hours of the morning with cash and jewellery taken from within and cars taken from the drives.

"Please be mindful of your neighbours' homes and don't ignore any alarms or suspicious activity.

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Members at the Breathe Easy group celebrate their 15th anniversary.

Breathe Easy Group on song to celebrate its 15th anniversary

THE West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group, the local branch of the British Lung Foundation charity, recently met to hold their AGM and celebrate their 15th anniversary since the group's inception.

Joining the group of committee and members for the meeting were two representatives from the British Lung Foundation.

Petra McCauley, the volunteer manager for Breathe Easy Groups around the country, and Lisa Williams, from the BLF Project Development Executive were guests.

Petra introduced herself and gave a talk about the benefits of volunteering.

Then she lead the group in some singing exercises and choruses, and a starter for the choir the local organisation hope to form during 2017.

Patricia Ireland from the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "Singing is so advantageous, for it helps to inflate the lungs, strengthens the muscles of the chest and is a social activity, most uplifting!"

The group has had a very successful 12 months, and future plans. Harry Thacker has agreed to continue in his role as chairman for the year ahead while vive chairman Irene Norman is to remain as a committee member in an advisory role, but is now moving on to a wider voluntary role within the British Lung Foundation, as a speaker and advisor in helping to set up new Breathe Easy groups.

Patricia Ireland from the group said: "Many of our members are understandably struggling health-wise.

"We need a vice chairperson and some additional committee members and will be very grateful for anyone from the wider community of West Lancashire and Southport who could help us."

Contact Harry on 01695 576682, Irene on 01695 632501 or Pat on 01704 808891.

The first meeting of 2017 will be held on Monday, January 16, at the Girl Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk,- next door to the Rugby Club at 11am, with free, light refreshments, followed by the speaker at 11.30am. All members, friends and visitors will be warmly welcomed.

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Debt advice service urged callers to use mobile number

STAFF at West Lancs Debt Advice are urging callers to contact them on their mobile number as they are having teething problems with transferring their landline number to a new location.

The Champion revealed last month that the debt management service had moved to Emmanuel Methodist Reformed Church on the corner of Derby Street and Stanley Street in Ormskirk.

The free debt advice service is now sited at the back of the building in the Langham Hall extension. Debt experts hold sessions from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesdays and alternative Saturdays from 9.30am to 11.30am as well as drop-in sessions from 1pm to 4pm on Thursdays.

Trained volunteers provide confidential advice and practical support, working with clients to help resolve debt issues and set up affordable repayment plans.

The service can be reached by texting 07731 482120 (you can call but currently cannot leave a voicemail so texting is preferred so they can call you back) or emailing debtadvice@wlda.org.uk

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County council sets aside £500,000 to relieve burden on hospitals

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE County Council will spend up to £500,000 on helping the county's hospitals.

A social care team will survey the area's hospitals on a regular basis to identify immediate actions that can speed up the discharges of patients from hospital.

Where these actions require additional funding, a £500,000 contingency fund will ensure money is immediately available.

The contingency fund is part of a raft of measures introduced by the county council to tackle winter pressures.

County Councillor Tony Martin, cabinet member for adult and community services

These include:

• Increased staff capacity over Christmas and the New Year to ensure that there are social work staff on site at hospitals every day through the festive period.

• Restricted annual leave across hospital and community teams to ensure 80% of available staff are in work from December to January 31.

• An additional 20 occupational therapists are being recruited to enable more timely assessments and enable people to remain more independent in their own homes.

• An additional 300 hours of crisis domiciliary care support will also be commissioned to provide extra capacity.

• Additional care navigation hours will be arranged to help find appropriate places in residential care, ensuring an efficient flow of people through the care system.

The county council's senior managers will continue to work very closely with health colleagues to provide resources where they are most needed and can be most effective for people.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "There are serious pressures on the health and social care system across the country and we face the same pressures here in Lancashire.

"It's a measure of how seriously we take this issue that we have identified this funding at a time when the county council is facing an unprecedented financial challenge.

"I am committed to doing all we can for our frail elderly citizens over the winter months.

"For the longer term we are working very hard on how we can manage future demand, as we face reducing budgets and rising costs.

"We are fully committed to working with colleagues in the trusts and the clinical commissioning groups to try and ease pressures and keep the system running through the rest of the winter."

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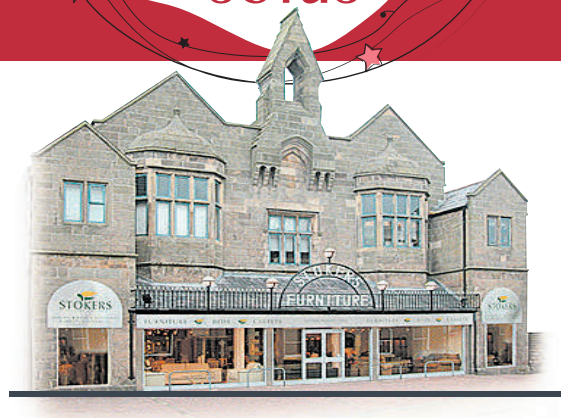

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County council hosts adoption information event

PEOPLE in Lancashire are being urged to think about whether they would like to grow their family through adoption this year.

Lancashire County Council is holding a special event at County Hall in Fishergate, Preston on Tuesday, January 10 aimed at helping interested parties to find out more about adoption and the process involved. It will run from 6 to 7.30pm and there is no need to book

Those wishing to adopt must be over 21 and live in the county or close by. There are no restrictions on race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements or employment status.

The council is focussing on two different types of adoption, so that more babies and young children can go to live with their permanent family more quickly.

Concurrent placements place babies and young children, aged up to two, with foster carers who may go on to give them a permanent home.

And the fostering-for-adoption scheme is for children where there is no realistic prospect of a return to their birth family.

Seven children were adopted in Lancashire in the past year under the concurrent placements scheme and six through the fostering-for-adoption process.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We're looking for people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family.

"What matters to us are your personal qualities and that you are able to provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond."

For more information about the evening and the adoption process go to the website lancashire.gov.uk/adoption, or call the adoption team for an informal chat on 0800 195 1183.

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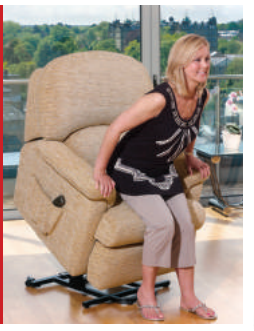

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A POLL of children in Lancashire and Sefton has found that only one in three has ever seen a badger in the wild.

The YouGov poll, which was taken by more than 1,200 children aged from eight to 15 years old, was commissioned by The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside to see how many had seen badgers, hedgehogs, squirrels and foxes in their natural surroundings – and how many enjoyed visiting outdoor areas including rivers, lakes or woodlands.

The poll found that 89% children agreed that being outdoors makes them happy; 81% like seeing wildlife in their garden or local area like birds or trees; 80% enjoy visiting wild places like rivers, lakes or woodlands and 70% enjoy playing outside including climbing trees and building dens.

It also revealed that many of the chidlren had never seen 'common' animals in the wild - 67% had never seen a badger; 25% had never seen a hedgehog and 23% had never seen a fox!

However, it was very good news for squirrels – all of the children had seen one, and almost half had seen one in the previous week!

Anne Selby, chief executive officer, suggested that the Trust's reserves across the North West – which include Mere Sands Wood in Rufford – are a good place to spot wildlife.

She said: "Hedgehogs are struggling as population numbers fall but they are still wandering into our gardens. We are proud of our red squirrel outposts, but we also realise that grey squirrels are one of the first wild mammals a child might see.

"Our reserves are a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a healthy walk and also see something wonderful. Only this week we have seen a video of spotted rare bittern at Mere Sands Wood. If you don't get out there, you won't experience the wild things in your area."

Residents 'should act on diabetes advice' to avoid developing condition

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancs residents who at risk of developing diabetes are now being offered support to help them to avoid the potentially life-threatening condition.

In an expansion of the pioneering Healthier You: NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme (DPP), people who have been identified by their GP as being at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes will be offered education and lifestyle coaching.

Type 2 diabetes can cause serious health issues including amputation, blindness and kidney failure.

Lancashire and South Cumbria is one of 13 new areas announced nationally that will be rolling out the programme, which is run collaboratively by NHS England, Public Health England and Diabetes UK.

Those referred on to the programme will be given tailored, personalised help to reduce their risk of Type 2 diabetes, including education on healthy eating and lifestyle, help to lose weight and bespoke physical exercise programmes, all of which together have been proven to reduce the risk of developing the disease.

Support

Andy Curran, medical director for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: "An important aspect of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Lancashire and South Cumbria is that our health and care services need to work together to support people in our communities.

The programme will put people in control of their health by giving them the tools, information and support they need to make changes to their lifestyles that can significantly reduce their risk of the disease and the potential complications associated with it like stroke and kidney failure."

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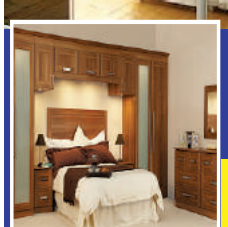

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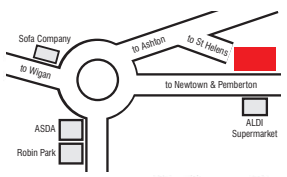

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Mike told the Champion: "We are all amateur but committed musicians who have formed the band to play for our own fun.

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"We are all in our 50s and 60s and play all kinds of music ranging from George Formby to the Beatles

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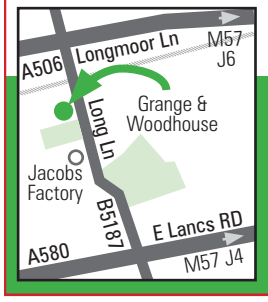

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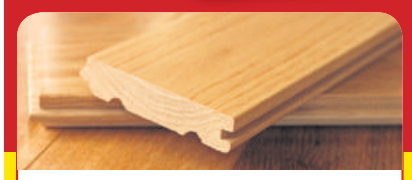

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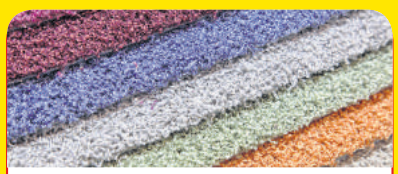

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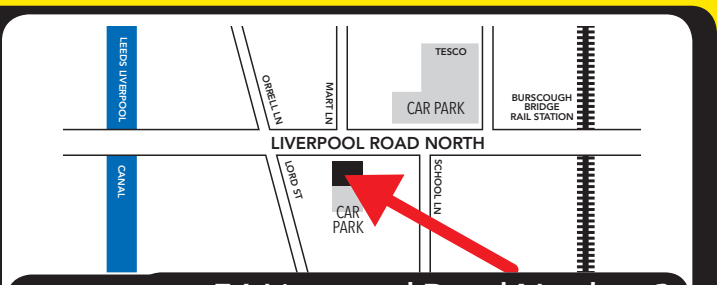

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Walks start from the hall in Winfred Lane at 1pm before meeting back there for refreshments.

The walks and refreshments are free but a small donation for Queenscourt Hospice is always appreciated say club members.

There is no need to book, just turn up.

The first walk on Saturday, January 7 will cover Lydiate. This will be followed by Edge Hill University's Ormskirk campus (Sunday, January 22); Clieve's Hill (Saturday, February, 11); Downholland (Sunday, February 26) and Lydiate (Saturday, March, 11).

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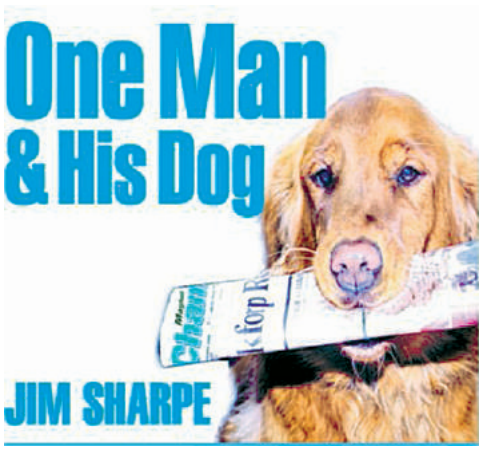

Councillors should not be so precious about privacy

BEST wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

And first, an apology from the old one.

I'm afraid many of the Christmas cards I was due to deliver by hand around Maghull and Lydiate on Christmas Eve never arrived due to a combination of things unforeseen.

First, wind and rain was forecast - not good but usually put-up-able.

But since my heart trouble last year I have become probably quite unnecessarily cautious.

More vitally though, my contact list of names and addresses has disappeared – lost I think in the aftermath of my stay in hospital.

These lists began as I started reporting back in the 1980s when Maghull's town clerk gave me a list of local councillors' names, addresses, and phone numbers. He also gave me a list of local organisations and their organisers' names etc.

I added various other names and phone numbers of useful local contacts.

And after each local council election, I was courteously given a list of the new contact details.

Now these lists have gone, where I do not know. I thought, I could make a useful start on replacing them by getting an up-to-date list of Town and local Sefton councillors from Maghull Town Hall. Simple.

Not so! At first I was met with "we don' t give councillors' personal details out." Then, after the intervention of the council leader, I was eventually (after half and hour or so of assurances on my part that I would not 'misuse' this information in any way) given a list of councillors' names and addresses – but no phone numbers.

I was told many of them did not want their phone numbers made public.

Now I can understand that - my life too would be far more quiet if people didn't ring me with both stories and, occasionally, complaints.

Unhappily the paper would contain very little by way of news, and local organisations would have no platform to publicise their projects.

I'm sure many a bus driver thinks the job would be so much better if it weren't for the passengers.

Frankly, I cannot see how anyone can be an effective local councillor if they are determined that no-one knows who they are or how (other than the rigmarole of going via the Town Hall) they can be contacted.

I know most are hard working and genuinely want to help the local community – but this seems a strange way of going about it.

If you want to preserve a private life, do not become a local councillor – or journalist for that matter!

In the past I've caused great annoyance with the Great and the Good by claiming that being an unpaid parish or town councillor is a hobby. They believe they are doing a worthwhile job that "nobody would do if I didn't."

Well, a couple of generations ago, train spotters standing at the end of platform nine at Lime Street station could have claimed the same. And so what? They did it because they enjoyed it – and if any local councillor does not enjoy the job, he or she should resign forthwith.

So it's no good being so precious about privacy of you want to do a job in the public domain.

Why was it that 25 years ago I could be presented, without even asking, with full contact details for town and Sefton Councils, whereas now, it seems like trying to prize a pearl out of an oyster to get even the most basic of details out of it?

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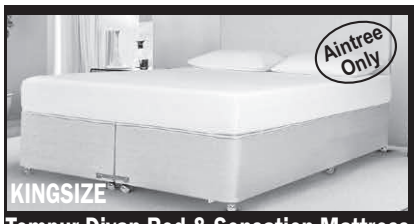

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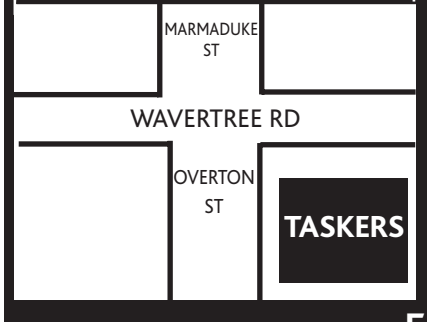

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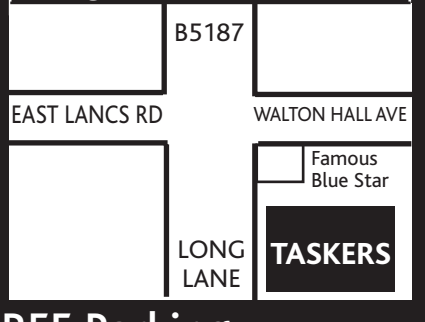

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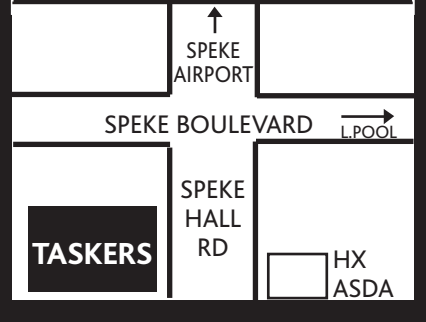

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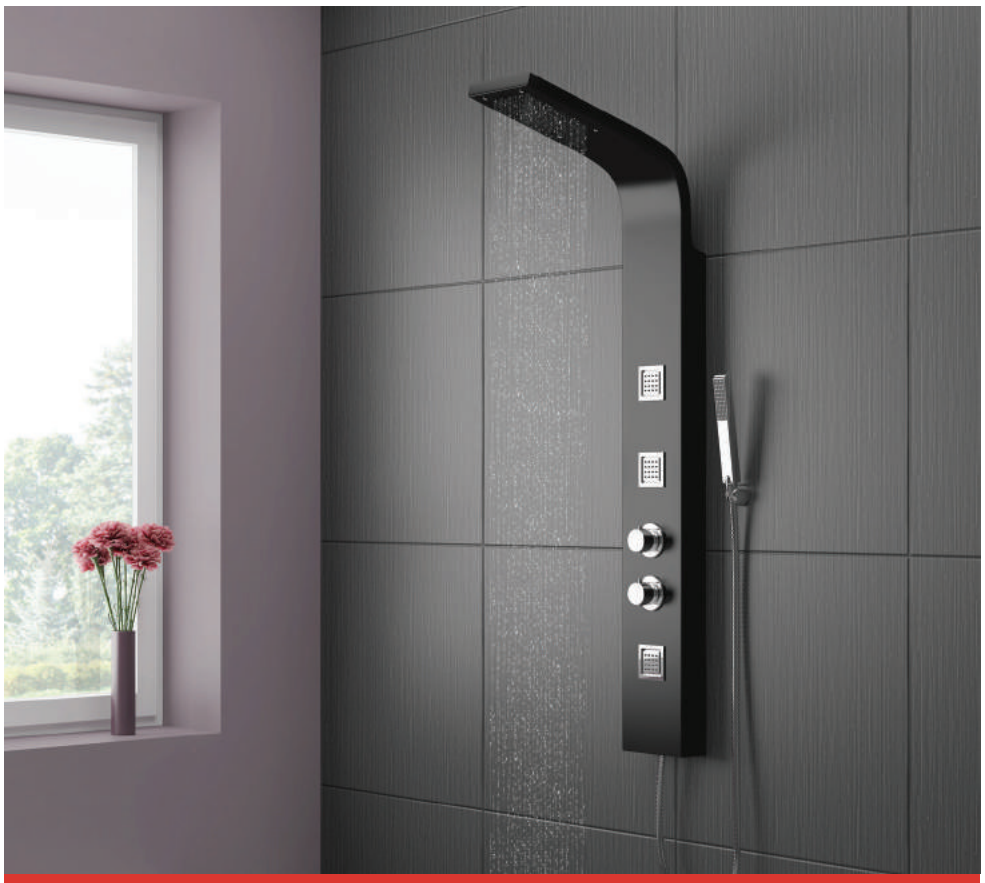

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Plea to make homes safer as a vital New Year's resolution

RESIDENTS across West Lancashire are being told the only New Year's resolution they need to make is to keep their homes secure!

A warning has been issued by the Master Locksmith Association who say that anybody can be the victim of a burglary and residents should not be complacent when it comes to securing their windows and doors.

Many people around this time of year make a bid to drop bad habits and pick up those which will increase our health and happiness, but one important practice which we rarely focus on is checking and maintaining our home security.

According to Dr Steffan George, development director of the Master Locksmiths Association (MLA) – the leading trade association for the locksmithing profession – our attitude towards security is one of the most important changes we can make in 2017.

He said: 'With almost 400,000 burglaries taking place each year in the UK - the main cause of which is easy access i.e. open windows, unsecured doors and damaged locks -getting into the habit of regularly maintaining our security equipment and double-checking that windows and doors are firmly secured when leaving the house is vital.

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

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Volunteers at the food bank

THE volunteers of Digmoor Community Foodbank in Skelmersdale want to thank the residents who responded to their appeal on social media before Christmas for more food.

The helpers at the centre, which is based at Evermoor Hub, had called for help after finding their supplies were low. After their appeal, the community rallied round and came forward with toys, food and clothes.

Amanda Hardwick, one of the volunteers at the foodbank said: "The people of Skelmersdale and West Lancs really care.

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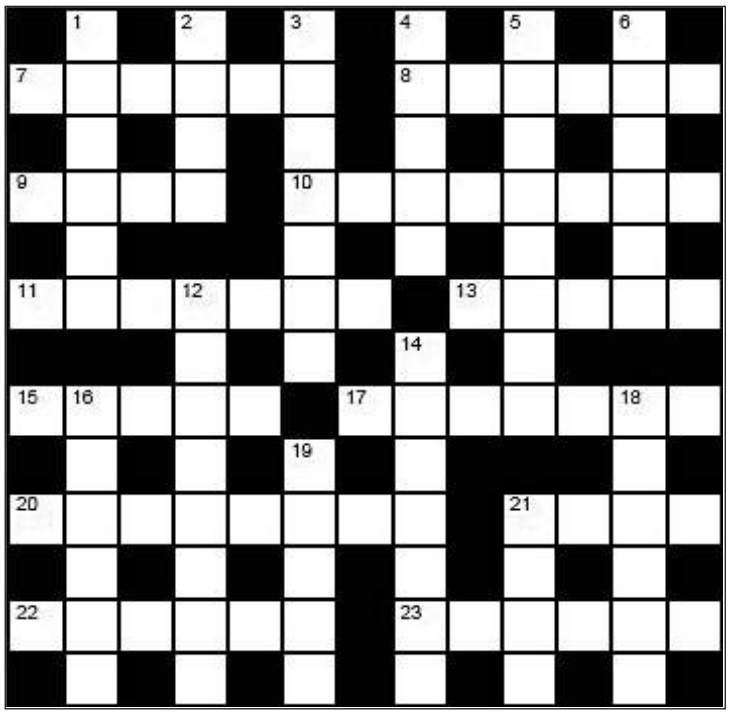

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Across: 7 Behave. 8 Orator. 9 Host. 10 Ambience. 11 Married. 13 Snarl. 15 Delay. 16 Symptom. 18 Astatine. 19 Peck. 21 Bowman. 22 Greedy

Down: 1 Veto. 2 Masters-at-arms. 3 Relaxed. 4 Yobbo. 5 Cayenne Pepper. 6 Concerto. 12 Aversion. 14 Synergy. 17 Tinny. 20 Code.

ACROSS

7 Instigate or stir up (6)
8 Sweet made from sugar or honey, nuts and egg white (6)
9 Unbranched evergreen tree of tropical or warm regions (4)
10 Irregular musical composition expressing strong emotions (8)
11 Suspend a hearing or meeting (7)
13 Metric unit of capacity (5)
15 Milky coffee (5)
17 Set free (7)
20 Weapons worn by a person's side such as a pistol or sword (8)
21 Relating to or containing oil (4)
22 Large, ground-dwelling monkey (6)
23 Person without professional or specialised knowledge in a subject (6)

DOWN

1 Someone lacking courage (6)
2 500 sheets of paper (4)
3 Dish of meat, fish or vegetables cooked quickly over a high heat while stirring briskly (4,3)
4 Move in a furtive way (5)
5 Person who makes, sell or repairs small firearms (8)
6 Indulge (6)
12 Precisely (8)
14 Pronoun used to emphasise doing something unaided (7)
16 Living creature, beast (6)
18 Large frozen area, especially at polar regions (3,3)
19 Wading bird with long neck, bill and legs (5)
21 Semi-precious variety of agate (4)

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Optician offers people advice on how to deal with dry and sore eyes

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DRY and sore eyes are a problem for many people at this time of year so a local optician is offering people advice on how to deal with the issue.

Cold winds and central heating can play havoc with people's eyes, leaving them feeling dry, gritty and bloodshot.

The gritty sensation sometimes experienced in the eyes during the winter months can be made worse with dehydration.

Sully Patel from Specsavers in Skelmersdale said: "Reducing the setting on your central heating, avoiding car heaters, especially at face level and sitting away from direct heat such as gas or electric heaters can help.

"It's also a good idea to cut back on the coffee and drink more water. Using eye drops can add extra lubrication to dry eyes."

The term 'dry eye' is used when the oil content of the tears doesn't efficiently lubricate the eye. People with dry eyes often have plenty of watery tears so adding eye drops may seem to not make sense but it's actually a vital contribution to the oil content of the tears.

At this time of year many individuals suffer from the common cold and flu. These are respiratory infections and can inflame the conjunctiva – the clear membrane covering the whites of the eyes, leaving them feeling irritated. People can help prevent cross infection from bacteria in coughs and sneezes by washing their hands before touching their eyes.

Sully said: "Winter is a great time to get your eyes tested as poor light conditions can make you susceptible to eyestrain. Everyone should get their eyes tested once every two years, or sooner if you are experiencing problems."

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Armed forces charity appoints Lancs president

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A NEW branch president for Lancashire's Armed Forces sector has been appointed this month.

Prince Michael of Kent, the national president of the Armed Forces' charity SSAFA, warmly welcomed Dennis Mendoros OBE as the new branch president of SSAFA Lancashire.

The charity supports 60,000 people in the Armed Forces' community each year and has 92 branches worldwide which are completely run by trained volunteers who support anyone in need who is serving, or has ever served, in of the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force as well as their families.

SSAFA, formerly known as the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, provides provide vital practical, financial and emotional support to local individuals facing issues ranging from financial hardship and homelessness to family breakdown.

Dennis is a qualified Aeronautical Engineer and served in the Hellenic Airforce before he was employed by the General Electric and Hellenic Aerospace Industry. He founded Euravia Engineering in 1988 and the company received the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade category in 2010. In May 2015, he sold his business to Magellan Aerospace Corporation and is now the President of Euravia Engineering.

For more than 20 years, Dennis has also been successfully involved in establishing, leading, supporting and encouraging a number of regional initiatives and partnerships between the private, public and voluntary sectors, with the aim of increasing investment in the area and improving the quality of life across Lancashire.

Dennis Mendoros, the new branch president of SSAFA Lancashire, with his wife Karen

In 2002, Dennis was awarded the OBE for Services to Industry and in 2004 was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire and in 2010, he was appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire by Her Majesty the Queen.

Dennis Mendoros said: "I am honoured to have been appointed President of the Lancashire Branch of SSAFA. It is the longest serving national tri-service military charity with a proud history extending for more than 131 years, for those who are serving or have ever served in our Armed Forces and their families."

Cold calls still plague homes

A NEW survey has revealed that nuisance and scam calls are causing problems for Lancashire residents.

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Paula Drops Two Dress Sizes And Is Set To Share Her Slimming Secrets

A Slimming World member who has transformed her life by losing 1st 5lb is using her success to shape a whole new career helping other people change their lives and achieve their weight loss dreams too.

After dropping from 10st 4lb to in just 8st 13lb in six months Paula felt so passionately about the difference it made to her life that she wanted to train as a Consultant herself. She starts running her own group to help others to lose weight on **Monday 2nd January at Lydiate Village Centre, Lambshear Lane at 9.15am**.

Paula says: "My weight was affecting my health, my cholestrol was an unhealthy 5.6 and my self-confidence was at a low and I knew I needed to make a change. Joining Slimming World was the best decision I've ever made – not only did I lose weight but my cholestrol level dropped to 4.4 and I am feeling fantastic."

Slimming World's Food Optimising eating plan encourages slimmers to fill up on satisfying, healthy foods like fruit and veg, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat, fish and fat-free dairy so they can slim down without ever going hungry. Paula says "I thought you had to starve to lose weight I was amazed that I was able to satisfy my appetite with all my favourite foods and still eat chocolate!."

Once she'd reached her target weight, Paula decided to train to become a Slimming World Consultant too, so that she could motivate and inspire others who struggle with their weight . She adds: "I found people were always asking how I'd lost my weight and I loved telling people all about Slimming World – even the ones who didn't ask! Knowing how desperate things can feel when you think you've tried everything, I wanted to help others to achieve what I'd achieved so it made sense to turn that into a career. The hours are flexible and there are great rewards too.

So if you want to slim without ever going hungry pop along to Paula's Slimming World group held every Monday at 9.15am, from the 2nd January at Lydiate Village Centre, Lambshear Lane. Anyone's welcome or for more information about Slimming World call Paula on 07484263698.

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Sue: 07817444580

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Monday 6.30pm
Michelle: 07931125172

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Tina: 0151 548 4266

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Tina: 0151 548 4266

MAGHULL
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Sue: 07957 531 346

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Sarah: 07969 395302

UP HOLLAND
Up Holland Methodist Church, Alma Hill
Wednesday 9.30am NEW GROUP
Sarah: 07969 395302

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Zoe: 01695 580 966

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SATURDAY

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Greenhill Lane Community Hall
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Advertising Feature

IN IT TOGETHER!

For local couple Michelle and Dave Phillips losing weight had never crossed their minds until issues with health and well being started to creep into their lives.

'We didn't even consider ourselves to have a weight problem.' Said Michelle 'we just enjoyed our lives and embraced social occasions as they came along. It was only when Dave started having issues with his health that we started to consider making changes to a healthier lifestyle and looking back now at photos we can see quite clearly that – yes – our weight was definitely becoming a contributing factor to how we were both feeling.'

As Christmas was approaching Michelle was also faced with the dilemma of choosing a Christmas outfit for her works night out. Michelle said" Every year this had filled me with more and more dread – each year I seemed to be creeping up a size and yet had never even considered doing anything about it. When Dave was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes though we knew that something had to change. I knew that by the following Christmas I didn't want my Christmas night to be the ordeal it was – I wanted to enjoy it!"

Michelle had heard about a local Slimming World group and made a pact with her friend that they would both go together and support each other through it.

Having not been to a Slimming World group before Michelle wasn't sure what to expect. ' I needn't have worried' she said ' as soon as I walked through the door in September 2011 I felt welcomed and accepted and I was confident that the group and the consultant were going to help me succeed. I attended each week and took away recipes and ideas which I then took home and within days Dave was on board too! We enjoyed all our old favourites – curries, fish and chips and we could even have a takeaway on a Saturday night with a couple of glasses of wine! How could we not succeed?'

Within 15 months Michelle and Dave both lost weight.

'We felt absolutely amazing' said Michelle and I knew our health was far better and Christmas was never going to be an ordeal again'

However, It wasn't going to be that easy. Changes in work and moving house all took its toll over a couple of busy years.

'Before we knew it we had stopped going to group and our old habits had started to creep back in. We didn't like that our weight was starting to creep up again. We looked around for our nearest group and we both knew that walking back though the doors would be the best thing for us to do. 'Our group in Lydiate helped us to get back on track. We didn't feel judged we just felt supported and within a few months we were both back in our Targets. We have both lost 5 stone each and the difference is just incredible. Dave has now been able to come off his Diabetes medication all together which is just brilliant and this Christmas has been a total different experience. I've been out on numerous occasions feeling and looking so much better about myself. The added bonus being that I can still enjoy my food and drinks without feeling guilty and without having to worry about what those scales will say. With the help and support of my consultant Sue and my fabulous Sliming World group in the Cheshire Lines Hub, any indulgences. I may have will soon be back under control'

Michelle will be joining the award winning Slimming World Team in the Hub in Cheshire Lines, Sefton Lane and will opening her brand new group on Tuesday 2nd January at 6.30pm.

There are 10 sessions a week to choose from in the Hub and this year their amazing members have lost an incredible 18, 247 lbs that's an incredible 1,303 stone and 5lb!

Michelle added 'I just can wait to help inspire others to achieve their dreams and be part of our amazing weight loss success. Slimming World has simply changed my life!'

For more details on the session held at the Maghull Hub contact Michelle 07931 125172, Sue 07957 531346 or Gill on 07921 222405

Most popular names we give our pets are revealed

The most popular names we gave to our pets last year include Poppy and Charlie

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

THE MOST popular name for a family pet has now been revealed!

Topping the list for 2016 are Poppy and Charlie the names we pet lovers prefer to call our pampered pooches and felines according to new research.

They beat off competition from Alfie, Bella and Molly to claim the top spots for 2016 – knowledge which will come in handy for a future pub quiz!

The 2016 list was drawn up by Vets4Pets, and saw Poppy crowned number one for both cats and dogs, while Charlie was second overall.

But if you're getting a new cat or dog this year, the research also provided an indication of popular names for 2017.

Cat owners are increasingly using TJ, Rey and Kylo more, while for dogs a trend for names Duggee, Beaux and Kingsley is expected.

"We see thousands of pets in our Vets4Pets practices across the UK every week, and the creativity of pet owners in choosing their pet's name can be amazing," said Dr Huw Stacey, director of clinical services at Vets4Pets.

"The UK is obviously a nation of pet lovers and while a name helps identify a pet to its owner, the most important thing about pet ownership is making sure your dog, cat or rabbit is happy and healthy.

"Many families tend to let their children decide the name of their pet, so it's perhaps not surprising that youngsters choose what can seem to be the easiest name to remember and one that they recognise from school.

"Pets are a great addition to family life and can teach children many important lessons, so we always advise new pet owners to talk to their local vet about choosing the best pet for their circumstances.

"As for names, our only advice is to use something that is easy to remember and you're happy to tell your friends and family!"

More unusual names from the list include Captain Edmund Blackadder and Calvin Harris for cats, with dog names including De'Niro and Abraham Lincoln.

"The variety of names we find is extraordinary, but as vets we're here to help owners with pet welfare, be it vaccinations, microchipping or major operations such as hip replacements," added Dr Stacey.

Council to debate stable block plans

PLANS have been submitted to create a new stable block at a farm in Lathom.

Applicant Mr Temme has submitted a planning application to West Lancashire Borough Council to create a block of four stables and a hay store as well as a 50 metre by 25 metre riding arena for personal use at Ottershead Farm on Dicks Lane.

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Champion ENTERTAINMENT

Russian guitarist to perform music from southern hemisphere

IN the midst of New Year winter, Douglas Music brings the sound of warm southern strings and Latin America from the guitar of Russian–born, Andrey Lebedev on Saturday, January 14 at 7.45 pm in the Arena Auditorium, Parbold Village Hall.

He will play evocative Spanish classical guitar music by romantic composers, like Isaac Albeniz and Francisco Tarrega with works by southern hemisphere composers in the Spanish tradition from Australia, Cuba and Brazil, like Villa Lobos.

Andrey was brought up in Australia where his exceptional musicality and commanding stage presence were first recognised. Guitar-maestro, Julian Bream handpicked Andrey to perform for the Julian Bream Trust to premiere two Trust commissions in a London recital curated by Bream in 2014.

Andrey is now an artist supported by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust, Arts Global, the Tillett Trust and the International Guitar Foundation Young Artist schemes. He is currently a post-graduate student at the Royal Academy of Music.

Douglas Music has set up a Ticket and Ride scheme to offer a subsidised mini-bus service to and from its concerts for members of the audience who would love to come to the events but who cannot use or do not have access to public transport.

To find out more and book Ticket and Ride, first book your concert ticket at Douglas Music's Box Office and then contact 01704 893373 between 9am, and 2pm weekdays or leave a message to reserve a seat on the bus and to make the pick-up and drop-off arrangements.

Andrey Lebedev

As part of Douglas Music's commitment to the NW community it has maintained its admission price for students/young persons at £5 for any concert.

Douglas Music is supported by the Arts Council, England, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council.

Company looking for script writers for their murder mystery evenings

Members from Ormskirk Theatre Company

MURDER Nights - interactive murder mystery evenings where the audience solve the murder by asking the suspects questions and the actors improvise the answers - have been a staple of the Ormskirk Theatre Company repertoire for almost 20 years.

Hugely popular with audiences, their scripts have been performed all over the world.

On Monday, January 9, Gary Simpson will be conducting a workshop for anyone who has wanted to write one.

A spokeswoman for Ormskirk Theatre Company said: "So get your thinking caps on, fill those inkwells and join us for a light-hearted evening designed to inspire and get those creative juices going. Who knows? Your script could join our growing list of scenarios which are performed across the country."

The event is at the Ormskirk Civic Hall on Monday, January 9 at 8pm.

Popular medium back on road

ONE of the nation's favourite mediums is back on the road and returns to Southport theatre on Thursday, January 26.

In 2017 psychic Sally Morgan will be entertaining sell-out crowds across the land as she displays her psychic abilities.

After a headline-grabbing 2016, Sally is back where she belongs in front of live audiences, sharing her skills in a show which is unique to every venue. Funny, entertaining, sometimes heart-breaking, often controversial: Call Me Psychic marks her ninth year touring.

Sally said: "I love being on the road, reaching out to my fans and comforting people about life after death. Every night when I'm on stage amazing things happen and it's a privilege to be able to pass on messages of love and comfort to the people I share my gift with."

Her successful TV series Psychic Sally On the Road, which ran for three series continues to be shown across the world.

Sally is also a best-selling author with several books under her belt, with the most recent Call me Psychic documenting her journey to superstardom and the triumphs and tragedies she's faced on the way.

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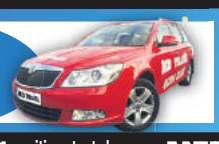

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Wed 1st February	3	Warners, Nottinghamshire **Thoresby Hall Hotel**	£149
Fri 3rd February	4	Warners, North Yorkshire **Nidd Hall Hotel**	£259
Mon 20th February	5	Warners, Herefordshire **Holme Lacy Hotel**	£279
Mon 27th February	5	Warners, North Wales **Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel**	£249
Mon 6th March	5	Warners, Isle of Wight **Bembridge Coast Hotel**	£269
Wed 15th March	3	St Malo Mini Cruise **Brittany Ferries**	£119
Mon 20th March	5	Warners, Nottinghamshire **Thoresby Hall Hotel**	£309
Sat 22nd April	8	Jersey by Air **Mayfair Hotel**	£499
Fri 5th May	4	Llandudno & Snowdonia **Queens Hotel**	£209
Tue 9th May	8	Jersey by Air **Mayfair Hotel**	£559
Wed 17th May	3	Amsterdam Mini Cruise **P&O Ferries**	£109
Mon 22nd May	5	Warners, Isle of Wight **Bembridge Coast Hotel**	£369
Mon 19th June	5	Treasures of Northumberland **Holiday Inn – Gosforth Park**	£319
Sun 2nd July	3	Amsterdam Mini Cruise **P&O Ferries**	£109
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Mon 24th July	5	Warners, Somerset **Cricket St Thomas Hotel**	£369
Mon 31st July	5	Warners, Hampshire **Lakeside Coastal Village**	£279
Wed 2nd August	5	Under 'Loch & Quay' (Scotland) **Arrochar Hotel, Loch Long**	£359
Sun 13th August	8	Jersey by Air **Mayfair Hotel**	£659
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Fri 22nd September	4	Llandudno & Snowdonia **Queens Hotel**	£219
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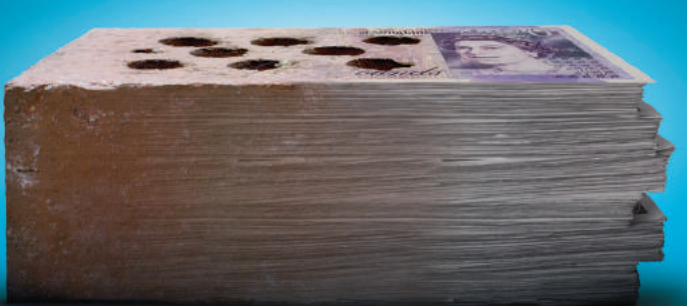

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23rd December 2016 Aged 91 Years
Dearly beloved Wife of the late John, much loved Sister in law of Ivy and Joan (deceased). A much loved Aunt who will be greatly missed by Annette, David, Beryl, Peter, Jenny, John, Isobel and all the extended family. Funeral service 6th January at St Georges Church, Maghull at 10.00am. Interment St Michaels Aughton. Family flowers only but donations to Woodlands Hospice, Fazakerly. Donations and further enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

BURNS NEIL
20th December 2016 Peacefully at home surrounded by his family, aged 78 years
Much loved and devoted Husband of Mo. Loving Dad of Richard and Vivianne. Neil will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity. Further enquiries please to Co-op Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 4PD. Tel: 01704 550011.

GRIMSLEY STAN
24th December 2016 Peacefully in Oakhill Mansions Nursing Home, Bristol Aged 92
Beloved Husband of the late Margaret and much loved Dad of Ian and Keith, Daughter-In-Law Kate and Father-In-Law of the late Judith. Proud Grandad of Paul, Sarah, Sian and Michael. Funeral service to be held at St.Lukes Church, Crosby on Friday 13th January at 12:00 noon followed by private interment at Thornton Garden of Rest. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Alzheimers Society c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, Funeral Directors, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5SE. Telephone: 0151 924 4805

DAVIS MONICA
24th December 2016 Peacefully in hospital, aged 90 years
Much loved wife to the late Bill. Mother of John and Grandmother of Nicholas. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 2pm. Family Flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the British Heart Foundation. Any further enquiries to W H Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston, PR4 6UP.

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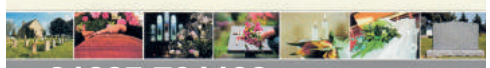

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHEQUER LANE, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Chequer Lane, Up Holland from a point outside property number 54 to a point, outside property number 35 in the Borough of Chorley.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 16th January 2017 until 1700 hours on Friday 17th February 2017 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Chequer Lane – Ormskirk Road – A577 Ormskirk Road – Tower Hill Road – Pimbo Lane – Chequer Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow new sewer connection works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17/08/5978/arh]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/1223/FUL Conversion and roof extension to existing outbuilding to form a single residential property at Building To The South-west Of, Plumtree Barn, Black-A-Moor Lane, Downholland. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2016/1317/WL3 Outline application for residential development at Land To The West Of, 15 Laburnum Drive, Skelmersdale. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/1191/FUL Two storey rear extension at Parklands, 70 Liverpool Road, Rufford.

Application No: 2016/1202/FUL Demolition of existing single storey annexe to the rear and erection of two storey extension to the gable and rear of the existing premises with a single storey garage extension to the gable, together with the removal of 2 no. fir trees and retention of an existing holly tree and beech tree at 7 Beech Road, Aughton.

Application No: 2016/1205/FUL Extensions and alterations to existing bungalow to form two storey dwelling, replacement of existing detached garage, and new entrance gates and drive at 20 Granville Park, Aughton.

Application No: 2016/1292/FUL Erection of new detached house, ancillary buildings and landscape works following demolition of existing buildings at South Springs, St Michael Road, Aughton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 4th January 2017
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IT'S potentially the biggest shake-up in motoring since Henry Ford set up shop. Yet its instigators would rather you didn't buy the cars it'll create.

MOIA might sound like a Radio 2 newsreader or one quarter of Irish folk band Clannad but it's actually the Volkswagen Group's latest company, putting it alongside Audi, Bentley, Porsche and Skoda.

Except that MOIA isn't a car company. It's – and you'll have to imagine me waggling my fingers as I say it – a "mobility services company".

Brilliant, I initially thought. Europe's biggest car-maker has decided to help *The Champion*'s more mature readers by using know-how from the Golf and Passat to reinvent the mobility scooter. No longer will looking cool while wobbling about 8mph be the preserve of pensioners travelling in those tiny three-wheelers styled to look like Harley Davidsons – I can just imagine a Golf GTI-inspired mobility scooter with a golf ball gearknob, subtle go-faster stripes and clever traction control. But I was wrong. Apparently MOIA is aimed not at the over-65s, not even at Ford and Vauxhall, but at Google, Apple and – more imminently – Uber.

The whole concept of how we get around is changing, and Volkswagen is determined to be all German about it and lay its towel down before anyone else does.

Unless you've been in a cave for the past year you'll already know that Google has managed to find enough time away from making search engine cartoons to create a car.

Only a few months ago Ford acknowledged Apple is now one of its big rivals. And just about every cabbie from Liverpool to Louisiana is feeling a tad cross with Uber muscling in on their turf.

At the moment MOIA is all about car-sharing and ride-hailing apps but don't be surprised to see it dipping into Volkswagen's vast parts bin to rustle up a car or two of its own.

Nor should you raise an eyebrow when Toyota, Renault and everyone else follow suit. When cars are banned from the big cities, it'll be whoever wins the mobility-sharing race that rules the roost.

There will be a time in a distant future when moving about in Liverpool involves hailing a ride with some likeminded mates in a vehicle none of you own – but I don't know if it'll be VW, Apple, Google or Uber that will be supplying it. Just as long as it isn't a mobility scooter styled like a Harley Davidson, then I won't really mind too much.

David is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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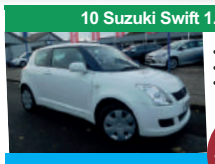

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Deposit Allowance	£1,800
Minimum Part Exchange	£500
Customer Deposit	£143
Amount of Credit	£9,537
45 Monthly Payments	£143.84
Optional Final Payment	£3,753
Interest Charges	£976.48
Total Amount Payable	£13,254.48
APR	4.8%

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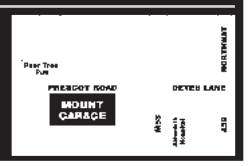

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Linnets' slow start proves too costly

Burscough lost 3-1 under the lights at Lancaster

Lancaster 3
Burscough 1

BURSCOUGH conceded two goals in the opening eight minutes as they slumped to a disappointing defeat.

The Linnets got off to the worst possible start when they went behind in the first minute, and this was made worse eight minutes later when the home side doubled their lead.

It was 3-0 on 22 minutes, but Burscough pulled one back when they struck straight from a corner when the set-piece curled straight into the net.

The Linnets' match on Monday, January 2 at Prescott Cables was postponed due to a frozen pitch, but they hope to be back in action this Saturday when they host Scarborough.

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Frost bites into Skem budget as delayed winter games cause cash chaos

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United's ground has fallen foul of frost

IT HASN'T been a particularly cold winter, but what frost there has been has arrived at exactly the wrong time for Skelmersdale United.

A mixture of the elements and enforced alterations to fixtures have meant Skelmersdale have had only one home game since November 12 and crucially has seen the loss of two potentially lucrative home games that were scheduled for the festive period on December 29 and January 2, both because of overnight frost.

A club spokesperson said: "Nowadays in football you keep all the money that comes through your turnstile for a league game, but you get nothing for away games in fact you have to pay for a coach to get your team to the away games.

"All this time you also have to pay the players money to them every week. If you have a home game every other week or more this regularly supplies a large part of a clubs income and hence the money to pay the players.

"We were set to have three home league games in November, three in December and another on January 2. We had one on November 12 against Ilkeston and another on Saturday December 17 against Rushall Olympic.

"Three games were either rearranged by the league or were postponed between November 1 and Christmas, leaving us desperate that the two Christmas matches were played especially as they usually bring bigger attendances than ordinarily scheduled games due to more people being off from work for the holidays.

"The postponement of the two Christmas home games has cost us at least a four figure amount and has without doubt, left us with a big hole in our budget, just at a time that we really need income.

"The games will be re-played but will probably now be midweek and the attendance will be greatly reduced on what we could expect for a Christmas fixture.

"Obviously we need as many people as possible through the turnstile at our next home against Stourbridge on Saturday, January 14 and against Blyth Spartans on Tuesday, January 17, both are attractive matches against good teams so hopefully the public can help.

"We also ask the local business community for some help, we have quite a few sponsorship opportunities available and if they were to help us out it would be greatly appreciated."

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...As Watts warms up to lead United comeback

MARINE 3
SKELMERSDALE UNITED 3

Marine and Skelmersdale in action. Picture by Susan Nugent

NEW signing Jack Watts marked his debut in fine style as he scored a hat-trick as Skelmersdale fought back for a hard-earned point.

The opening encounters were close until Peter Wylie lost his footing in the 16th minute - the ball went straight to Michael Monaghan landing perfectly on his left foot 12 yards from goal, his shot going neatly inside the post.

Skelmersdale were 2-0 down after a penalty was awarded to the home side. Up stepped former Skelmersdale striker Dan Mitchley.

After the break, Skelmersdale had a more attacking shape and almost immediately it was noticeable that Skem were prepared to run at the Marine defence, Shacklock creating problems for them from the off.

Skelmersdale won a corner on 53 minutes and Watts, who was a Christmas Eve signing from Burscough, swung it in.

Marine goalkeeper Calvin Hare misjudged the flight of the ball, getting only the merest of touches as it went into the net behind him.

On 58 minutes Skelmersdale levelled. Paul Foy ran at the home defence and laid the ball sideways to Watts, he hit a low shot that just crept inside Hare's near post.

Former Skelmersdale player Warren Bellew put a header over the Skem crossbar on 64 minutes, then three minutes later he restored Marine's lead, he too swung in a corner and although Cookson got it a touch it went into the net.

In the 79th minute Skelmersdale won a free-kick on the right and the ball was floated to the edge of the 18 yard box, a blatant push saw the men in blue instantly win another in a far more dangerous position.

Watts lined the ball up and fired it low and hard it went into the corner of the net to make it 3-3.

This Saturday Skelmersdale travel across the Pennines to West Yorkshire where they play Frickley Athletic.

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For Daniel Woods, choosing to study a Foundation Degree at West Lancashire College was a fantastic career opportunity.

Daniel completed a BTEC Level 3 qualification and was very committed to academic study. He decided to continue his studies at West Lancashire College and progressed onto a Foundation Degree. Daniel then completed a BSc in Computing (with honours) and made the choice to increase his knowledge by studying a Master's Degree in Cyber Security. After achieving his Master's Degree he made a life changing decision to become a teacher and has recently gained employment as a Lecturer in IT at the college where his ambitions first began. Daniel said "I would recommend choosing a career focussed foundation degree as a route to your dream career!"

To find out more about undergraduate courses available, contact course enquiries 01695 52300.

Career Boosting Courses

West Lancashire College are delighted to have extended their course offer to include a wide range of January start courses that can help you boost your career!

Part of NCG, one of the largest education, training and employability organisations in the UK, the college's strategy is to work closely with the business community and offer programmes that meet local and regional job priorities. This ensures that local students have the very best opportunities for work experience leading to high quality job outcomes, and also that employers have the highly skilled workforce they need to be successful.

From January 2017 students can choose from Professional and degree level courses such as AAT, ILM, NEBOSH, and Sage Accounting, Maths or English, Technical qualifications and Apprenticeships, there is now something for everyone.

The college appreciates that many adult students often have existing work and family commitments so their aim is to fit studies around students busy lifestyles by offering flexible learning with daytime, evening and online courses.

West Lancashire College continue to invest in education for the people of West Lancashire and beyond, and are delighted to announce plans for a brand new Technology and Logistics Centre that will be based at the Skelmersdale Campus adjacent to Asda, planned to open this September 2017. The Technology and Logistics Centre will offer training that meets the Local Area Partnership (LEP) priorities and will include construction trades, engineering, electrical, motor vehicle, plumbing, digital technologies and warehousing and logistics.

Whether you want to change direction, return to work, develop skills to help you start your own business or maybe just try something new, there has never been a better time to join West Lancashire College. Make 2017 the year you boost your career, find out more on pages 2 & 3, or go along to the Information and Enrolment Day on Saturday 7 January 2017 from 11am.

INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT DAY

Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH.

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 2017
11AM-3PM

Find out more about our January courses and enrol!

01695 52300
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INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT DAY

YOU CAN ENROL FOR ANY FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, DAY OR EVENING COURSE ON:

Saturday 7 January 2017 11am - 3pm at Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6LH

Key to tables

L2LE Level 2 Legal Entitlement 19-23 (not already achieved 4 or more GCSEs grades A*-C or above)

L3LE Level 3 Legal Entitlement 19-23 (not achieved 2 or more A Levels)

NFW No Fee Waiver

IE These courses require interview at enrolment

LL Courses where a Learning Loan will be applicable

CFD These courses are available for enrolment on a regular basis, please call for details.

Please Note: All courses will require an application to be completed visit www.westlancs.ac.uk or call course enquiries 01695 52300 for further details.

Course	Day	Time	Duration	Exam and Reg Fee	Fee	Campus	Start Date
AAT							
Accounting Level 2 L2LE (additional fee for membership and Exam/Fee)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	33 wks	£0	£600	SC	07/02/2017
Accounting Level 3 L3LE (additional fee for membership and Exam/Fee)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	33 wks	£0	£1,987	SC	07/02/2017
Computerised Accounting (SAGE) NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£0	£195	SC	08/02/2017
ACCESS							
Access to HE (Nursing and Midwifery) IE L3LE	Full Time	9am-4pm	1 yr	£0	£3,384	SC	30/01/2017
Access to HE (Nursing and Midwifery) IE L3LE	Part Time	6pm-9pm	18 months	£0	£3,384	SC	30/01/2017
Access to HE Early Years Education IE L3LE	Full Time	9am-4pm	1 yr	£0	£3,384	SC	30/01/2017
Access to HE Early Years Education IE L3LE	Part Time	6pm-9pm	18 months	£0	£3,384	SC	30/01/2017
ASSESSOR AWARDS							
Assessing Competence in the Work Environment Award Level 3 VTCT NFW CFD	Flexible	Flexible	54 hrs	£40	£338	Workplace	CFD
Assessing Vocational Achievement Certificate Level 3 VTCT NFW CFD	Flexible	Flexible	84 hrs	£67	£358	Workplace	CFD
Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement Award Level 3 VTCT NFW CFD	Flexible	Flexible	54 hrs	£40	£338	Workplace	CFD
Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice Award Level 4 VTCT NFW CFD	Flexible	Flexible	90 hrs	£58	£344	Workplace	CFD
ARTS & CRAFTS							
Fine Art Drawing NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	4 wks	£0	£120	SC	05/04/2017
Pottery Workshop NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	4 wks	£0	£120	SC	24/05/2017
Silk Painting NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	4 wks	£0	£120	SC	15/02/2017
BARBERING							
Barbering Level 2 IE	Tue	3.30pm-9pm	18 wks	£35	£795	SC	21/02/2017
Barbering Level 3 IE	Wed	3pm-9pm	18 wks	n/a	£1,645	SC	22/02/2017
BARISTA							
Barista Skills Award City & Guilds NFW	Sat	9am-12 noon	2 wks	£0	£100	SC	18/02/2017
Barista Skills Award City & Guilds NFW	Sat	9am-12 noon	2 wks	£0	£100	SC	25/02/2017
BEAUTY THERAPY							
Laser and Light Treatments for Skin Rejuvenation Award Level 4 (City & Guilds) – NFW	Mon	3pm -7pm	18 wks	£108	£795	SC	09/01/2017
BRICKLAYING							
Bricklaying an Introduction NFW	Wed	6pm-8pm	10 wks	£0	£200	WLCA	18/01/2017
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT							
Business Improvement Techniques Level 2 NFW	CFD	CFD	Flexible	£30	£700	SC	CFD
Business Management Foundation Degree FdA IE	Full/Part time	Full/Part time	2 yrs (FT) 3 yrs (PT)	£0	£6900 £4000	SC	23/01/2017
Leadership & Management Level 3 Award ILM NFW	CFD	CFD	CFD	£0	£540	SC	Jan-17
Leadership & Management Level 3 Certificate ILM NFW	CFD	CFD	CFD	£0	£850	SC	Jan-17
Leadership & Management Level 3 Diploma ILM NFW	CFD	CFD	CFD	£0	£1,400	SC	Jan-17
CATERING & HOSPITALITY							
Kick Start Your Career in Catering NFW	Mon	9.30am-3.30pm	10 wks	£0	£345	SC	16/01/2017
COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY							
Swedish Massage Level 3 Certificate (VTCT) NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	20 wks	£35	£375	SC	11/01/2017
CUSTOMER SERVICE							
Welcome Gold Customer Service Training NFW	Mon	9.30am-4.30pm	1 day	£0	£75	SC	13/02/2017
Welcome Gold Customer Service Training NFW	Mon	9.30am-4.30pm	1 day	£0	£75	SC	03/04/2017
DRIVING GOODS VEHICLES							
Driving Goods Vehicles Level 2 FULL COST	CFD	CFD	Flexible	£0	£500	Workplace	Jan-17
Driving Goods Vehicles Level 3 FULL COST	CFD	CFD	Flexible	£0	£550	Workplace	Jan-17
ENGLISH							
Functional English	Various	Various	Flexible	Free	FREE	SC	CFD
FIRST AID							
Emergency First Aid at Work NFW	Wed	9.30am-4pm	1 day	£0	£100	SC	Jan-17
Paediatric First Aid NFW	Thur/Fri	9.30am-4pm	2 days	£0	£120	SC	Jan-17
Requalification First Aid NFW	Tue/Wed	9.30am-4pm	2 days	£0	£150	SC	Jan-17
HAIRDRESSING							
Colour and Colour Correction Certificate Level 4 NFW	Mon	9.30am-4pm	12 wks	£0	£795	SC	16/01/2017

If you are 19+ you could be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan!

Advanced Learner Loans are intended to help learners pay for their course*.

The amount of money available depends on your course. It's easy to apply. there's no credit check and your household income isn't taken into account.

You won't have to pay anything back until you've finished your course and are earning over £21,000 a year. Repayments are linked to what you earn, not what you owe.

Learners who complete an Access to HE Diploma course that's funded by an Advanced Learner Loan, and who go on to complete an eligible HE qualification, can have any outstanding balance of their Advanced Learner Loan written off.

FIND OUT MORE:

To find out more about your eligibility for an Advanced Learner Loan, contact Student Services on 01695 52393/ask-the-advisor@westlancs.ac.uk

*Level 3, 4, 5 or 6 course, this includes Certificates, Diplomas and Access to Higher Education courses.

STUDENT SERVICES

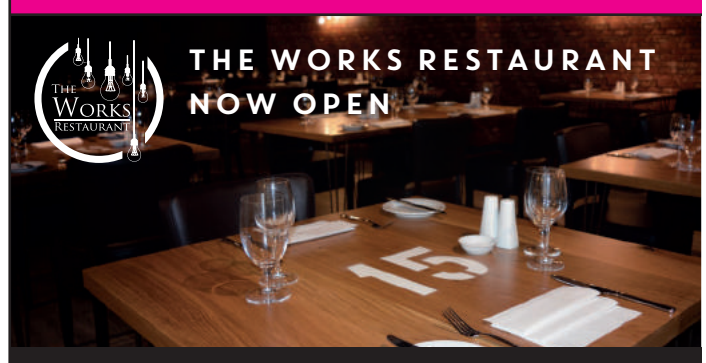
West Lancashire College

Student Services are our team of trained and friendly staff offering a one stop shop whatever your enquiry.

Specialist advice and support available:

- Course and careers guidance
- Financial assistance
- Advanced Learning Loans
- Wellbeing and personal support issues
- Transport
- Child care and funding for child care whilst in college
- Employability and study skills
- Additional Learning Support
- Student's Union

If you have an enquiry about studying at college, we'd love to hear from you, call one of the team direct on 01695 52393 or email ask-the-advisor@westlancs.ac.uk



HEALTH & SAFETY							
NEBOSH General Certificate NFW	Tue/Wed	6pm-9pm	15 wks	£0	£995	SC	Jan-17
HIGHER EDUCATION - DEGREE LEVEL COURSES							
Business Management Foundation Degree FdA IE	Full/Part time	Full/Part time	2 yrs (FT) 3 yrs (PT)	£0	£6900 £4000 per year	SC	23/01/2017
Sports Therapy Foundation Degree FdSc IE	Full/Part time	Full/Part time	2 yrs (FT) 3 yrs (PT)	£0	£6900 £4000 per year	SC	23/01/2017
Tourism and Hospitality Management Foundation Degree FdA IE	Full/Part time	Full/Part time	2 yrs (FT) 3 yrs (PT)	£0	£6900 £4000 per year	SC	23/01/2017
IT							
ECDL Extra – Evening (must have completed the Essentials Award)	Tue	6pm-9pm	18 wks	£32	£240	SC	17/01/2017
MAKE-UP							
Make-up (Fashion) Level 2 Certificate L2LE	Wed	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£38	£325	SC	18/01/2017
MATHS							
Functional Maths	Various	Various	Flexible	FREE	FREE	SC	CFD
NAILS							
Acrylic Nails (Uniform and Kit Required) NFW	Tue	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£35	£295	SC	17/01/2017
PLASTERING							
Interior Systems Level 2 NVQ (Must be employed in Construction Occupation) L2LE	CFD	CFD	Flexible	£0	£600	Workplace	Jan-17
Plastering an Introduction NFW	Wed	6pm-8pm	10 wks	£0	£200	WLCA	18/01/2017
Plastering Level 3 Basic Route (Must be employed in Construction Occupation) L3LE	CFD	CFD	Flexible	£0	£600	Workplace	Jan-17
PRINCE'S TRUST							
Prince's Trust Skelmersdale IE	Full Time	Full Time	12 wks	FREE	FREE	SC	09/01/2017
Prince's Trust Ormskirk IE	Full Time	Full Time	12 wks	FREE	FREE	OCH	23/01/2017
Prince's Trust Southport IE	Full Time	Full Time	12 wks	FREE	FREE	SFC	23/01/2017
SPORTS							
Fitness Instructing Level 2 Certificate IE L2LE	Wed	6pm-9pm	20 wks	£0	£811	SC	18/01/2017
Sports Therapy Foundation Degree FdSc IE	Full/Part time	Full/Part time	2 yrs (FT) 3 yrs (PT)	£0	£6900 £4000	SC	23/01/2017
TEACHING							
Education & Training Award Level 3 - NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£0	£350	SC	11/01/2017
Education & Training Award Level 3 - NFW	Wed	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£0	£350	SC	19/04/2017
TEACHING ASSISTANTS							
Support Teaching and Learning in Schools Level 3 L3LE IE	Wed	9am-1pm	20 wks	£0	£1,417	SC	11/01/2017
TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY							
Tourism and Hospitality Management Foundation Degree FdA IE	Full/Part time	Full/Part time	2 yrs (FT)) 3 yrs (PT	£0	£6900 £4000	SC	23/01/2017
VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS 16-18							
Vocational Pathways 16-18 IE	Full Time	Full Time	Various	FREE	FREE	SC	Jan-17
WAREHOUSING							
Warehousing and Storage Skills Certificate Level 2 NFW	CFD	CFD	Flexible	£0	£650	Workplace	Jan-17
WELDING							
Welding Basic Workshop NFW	Tue	6pm-9pm	8 wks	£0	£200	SC	Jan-17

FEES AND FUNDING
The cost of your course depends on your individual circumstances and there are lots of funding opportunities available to help pay for your course.

If you do have to pay for your course you could spread the payments with our instalment plan, or if you are over 19 studying a Level 3 qualification you could apply for an Advanced Learning Loan.

UNIFORM/KIT
Some courses may require uniform and kit to be purchased.

TUITION IS FREE FOR
- 16–18 year olds
- Anyone aged 19 – 23 years studying a Foundation Learning course (Entry/Level 1) and does not have a prior Level 2 qualification
- Learners undertaking a First Full Level 2 qualification aged 19-23 L2LE
- Learners undertaking a First Full Level 3 qualification aged 19-23 L3LE
- Adults studying English or Maths Basic Skills
- Learners aged 19 or over in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance and Employment Support Allowance (work related activity groups)
- Learners aged 19 or over in receipt of UCRED, unemployed and mandated by Job Centre and earning less than £330 per month (All Work-Related Requirements Group, Work Preparation Group and Work-Focused Interview Group)
- Adults in receipt of other State Benefits who are unemployed and wishing to return to work

PLEASE NOTE
Learners Aged 19+ studying a Full Level 3 Course / Full Level 4 / Access to HE and Advanced / Higher Apprenticeships are not funded and therefore not eligible for any fee remission.

Please note – Exam and Registration Fees may be charged dependant on eligibility.

TUITION MAY BE DISCOUNTED FOR
- Individuals who want to be employed (or progress into more sustainable employment) and earning less than £330 per month
- Individuals from with low household income who are not eligible for free tuition and have a gross household income of less than £20,817 or independent income of £12,400. Learners are required to apply to the Discretionary Learner Support Fund for financial help towards their tuition fee.

16-18 YEARS
Please bring your GCSE Results and proof of identification to complete your enrolment.

19+ YEARS
Please bring payment if applicable, and identification*.

If you are claiming FREE or discounted study and you are on an active or inactive benefit you will need to bring relevant proof (Current letter authorised by the job centre / bank statement / Tax Credit Award Notice / Proof of income, P60 or 3 months payslips) with you in order to complete your enrolment.

Instalment option may be available on courses over £200.

*** Identification accepted**
- Passport
- Photo Driving Licence
- Armed Forces Service ID
- National Insurance Card
- Certificate of Entitlement to Funding
- Bank Credit/Debit Card
- Your West Lancashire College Student ID Card

LEARNERS BORN IN THE EU / EEA
For those Learners born in the EU / EEA please provide proof that you were born in the EU (passport, birth certificate etc.)

Every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in this document is correct at the time of publication. We reserve the right however, to make alterations or amendments to the details contained in this booklet. Courses will operate subject to sufficient numbers.

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PLACES AVAILABLE
IN OUR **OUTSTANDING** NURSERY

Purpose built Nursery for 0-5 years
- FREE* places for over 2's
- Places also available for babies and toddlers
- Open 50 weeks of the year
- Opening hours 8am-6pm
- Healthy Menu
- Outdoor covered play area
- Based in Skelmersdale
- Community nursery open to all

BABY PLACES AVAILABLE NOW!

Call: **01695 52559/52300**
email: littlelearners@westlancs.ac.uk
www.westlancs.ac.uk
Little Learners, West Lancashire College, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH.

*Government Early Years free entitlement 15hrs per week term-time

Ofsted Outstanding

little learners

West Lancashire College

£ PRICE PROMISE*

We are confident that our courses offer excellent value for money, but if you do find the same course tuition costs at a lower fee at another College within a 15 mile radius of our Skelmersdale campus, we will guarantee to match the price. Whatever your financial circumstances, it is worth speaking to our Student Services Team on **01695 52300**.

**Our Price Promise only applies at the time of enrolment when the enrolment form is signed and dated. A lower tuition fee will only be agreed at the time of enrolment if there is proof of a lower cost course at another college within a 15 mile radius of our Skelmersdale Campus. The Price Promise cannot be issued after this date as course fees are likely to change.*

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APPRENTICESHIPS

The benefits of Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly obvious to more and more businesses. It's a fact that Apprenticeships develop a motivated, skilled and qualified workforce.

This January why not choose an Apprenticeship in partnership with West Lancashire College.

Are you already Employed and would like to undertake training in your workplace?
Our Apprenticeship Team will work with you and your employer to organise your training.

Are you unemployed and looking for an Apprenticeship?
Our Apprenticeship Team will work with you to secure an employer. Help is available with Job Search, Career Coach, Interview Techniques and CV Writing.

Are you an employer looking to recruit an Apprentice?
We can help you to attract new talent, recruit to your vacancy and develop a motivated, skilled and qualified workforce.

Call our Apprenticeship Team today 01695 52300 to find out more.

Apprenticeships

FAST TRACK YOUR FUTURE

West Lancashire College

The Fast Track your Future programme will provide a combination of work experience and employability skills as well as allowing you to focus on a particular subject. After completion of the 4 week induction programme you will join one of the following full-time courses:

- Bricklaying
- Professional Cookery
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Plumbing
- Joinery
- Plastering

AGED 16-18 AND NOT IN COLLEGE OR WORK? WE HAVE A RANGE OF COURSES STARTING THIS JANUARY!

To find out more contact Course Enquiries on 01695 52300/enquiries@westlancs.ac.uk or come along to our Open Enrolment Day on Saturday 7 January 2017, 11am-3pm, Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH.

FREE* COURSES
*ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN WRITTEN OFF ON COMPLETION OF ELIGIBLE HE QUALIFICATIONS

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STUDY A FOUNDATION DEGREE THIS JANUARY - FULL AND PART-TIME ROUTES AVAILABLE

Choose from:
Business Management Foundation Degree FdA
Sports Therapy Foundation Degree FdSc
Tourism and Hospitality Management Foundation Degree FdA

We offer degree level study at competitive prices – only £6,900* per year for students starting in January 2017, all first year students receive a £1000**, non-repayable bursary.

*FEE for 2016/17 Academic Year
**First Year full time undergraduates

APPLY DIRECT! CALL 01695 52300 TODAY!

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION - JOIN US THIS JANUARY!

Due to high demand we are offering two additional Access to Higher Education programmes, which will start in January 2017.

Access to Higher Education Nursing & Midwifery - Full Time Day or Part Time Evening
This Access to Higher Education programme is ideal for adult learners who wish to change career and have a desire to work in the area of Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedical Careers, OT and anything related.

Access to Higher Education Early Years Educators - Full Time Day or Part Time Evening
This Access course will equip you with the skills and knowledge to achieve your goal of becoming a Primary School Teacher.

To find out more call course enquiries on 01695 52300 or come along to our Open Enrolment Day on Saturday 7 January 2017, 11am-3pm.